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Subject: Proposal attached funded by the EPA Office of Research & Development

Attachments: 2014 UIC ISR RM Project Description UpdatedJan29 2014.docx

## Hi Rich,

I was hoping to ease into this process with you so we could talk about DOE Legacy Management needs related to the work we are going to do under the attached proposal, but now we have the opportunity to obtain some extra money from the EPA Office of Science Policy. To get that money committed in time, I am now on a tighter time line.

I found out Monday we got the attached proposal funded for \$125,000 for FY14 with a commitment that we will receive additional money in FY15 to finish up the project. The \$125,000 isn't really enough to do all we had hoped to do under this project. Andrea Cherepy, who is heading up EPA's 40 CFR Part 192 update in our HQ office, is also interested in joining in on this project & may be able to add some money. She & I will be working on developing a draft statement of work early next week, then I hoped to pass it along to you for review to see if we can have it meet your program's needs as well and ideally initiate an interagency agreement with your office to work on the project together.

The proposal was written as a "Regional Method" proposal. Here is some info about the EPA Region Methods Program: http://www.epa.gov/osp/regions/rm.htm

## Regional Methods (RM) Program

The Regional Methods (RM) Program works like EPA's RARE Program in that it provides the regions with near-term research support on high-priority, region-specific science and increases collaboration between ORD and regional staff. But while the RARE Program emphasizes the research as a whole, the RM Program focuses on developing the methods necessary for the regions to meet their monitoring and enforcement objectives.

So it isn't really research, it is developing and testing of a method to meet monitoring and enforcement objectives, so I hope that will fit with the Legacy Management mission.

I just found out yesterday that the EPA Office of Science Policy has some money from FY13 that needs to be committed ASAP. This is an opportunity to obtain some additional funding for the project.

I would like to talk with you about the possibility of EPA entering into an Interagency Agreement with your office to work on this project.

Could I give you a call today or tomorrow or early next week to talk about all of this, please?

Thanks!

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